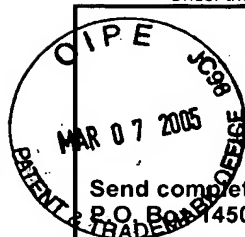


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- §1.295 - for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
- §1.296 - to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
- §1.377 - for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
- §1.550(c) - for patent owner requests for extension of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings.
- §1.956 - for patent owner requests for extension of time in inter partes reexamination proceedings.
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- §1.313 - to withdraw an application from issue.
- §1.314 - to defer issuance of a patent.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicants: S. NISHIYAMA, et al

Serial No.: 10/765,108

Filed: January 28, 2004

For: CASING FOR STORAGE APPARATUS AND STORAGE APPARATUS

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d) and MPEP. §708.02, VIII**

MS Petition

Commissioner for Patents
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March 7, 2005

Sir:

1. Petition

Applicants hereby petition to make this application **Special**, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP 708.02, VIII. The present invention is a new application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 28, 2004 and as such has not received any examination by the Examiner.

2. Claims

Applicants hereby represent that all the claims in the present application are directed to a single invention. If upon examination it is determined that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, Applicants will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the granting of special status.

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3. Search

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The field of search covered:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subclasses</u>	<u>Description</u>
361		ELECTRICITY: ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND DEVICES
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	614 With plural removable control units in housing
	685 Disk drive support
	724	.. Cabinet-type housing

The above subclasses represent areas deemed to contain subject matter of interest to one or more of the search features. Please note that relevant references may be classified outside of these areas. The integrity of the search is based on the records as presented to us by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. No further integrity studies were performed. Also, a key work search was performed on the USPTO full-text database including published U.S. patent applications.

4. Copy of References

A listing of all references found by the professional searcher is provided by a Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references and the Form PTO-1449 are submitted as part of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on even date.

5. Detailed Discussion of the References and Distinctions Between the References and the Claims

Below is a discussion of the references uncovered by the search and cited in

the IDS filed on even date that appear to be most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims of the present application, and which discussion particularly points out how Applicants' claimed subject matter is distinguishable over those references. All other references uncovered by the search and cited in the IDS filed on even date are **not** treated in detail herein.

a. Detailed Discussion of the References

Ohwaki et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,530,066) provides a compact expandable electronic signal processing apparatus, wherein a floppy disk unit 22 is made up of a disk drive mechanism 22D as its upper portion and a lower part 22U in which an interface circuit and a disk control circuit are housed. The lower portion 22U of floppy disk unit 22 has a width and height substantially corresponding to the width and height, respectively, of signal processing section 12 and power section 13 of the computer 11. (see Fig. 6 and col. 5, lines 52-55, 58-63).

Suzuki et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0037034) provides a disk array device that includes hard disk drive (HDD) modules 200 sequentially positioned in the front opening of the chassis 100 so that the HDD modules 200 are removable. The battery module 500 and operation module 400 can be equal to the HDD modules 200 in width and height. The power supply modules 600 and controller modules 700, 702 can all be removed separately. (see Fig. 1 and paragraphs 57, 64 and 66).

Moriwaki et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0083338) provides for a disk array controller, wherein a plurality of disk units (DKU's) 60 are connected to each disk array control unit (DKC) rack 30. (see Fig. 15 and paragraph

60).

b. Distinctions Between the References and the Claims

The present invention as recited in the claims is not taught or suggested by any of the above noted references whether taken individually or in combination with each other or in combination with any of the other references now of record.

The present invention as recited in the claims is directed to a casing for a storage apparatus and a storage apparatus including such casing. Particularly, according to the present invention the casing includes first receiving portions for receiving a disk drive box in which a plurality of disk drives are received in a line, wherein the first receiving portion is approximately equal in height and width to the disk drive box, and a second receiving portion for receiving a control box portion in which a plurality of control boards for executing a control relating to a data input and output process with respect to the disk drives are received in a line, wherein the second receiving portion is approximately equal in height and width to the first receiving portion. The above described features are recited in each of the claims. The features described above are not taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether taken individually or in combination with each other.

For example, Ohwaki as described above provides a compact expandable electronic signal processing apparatus.

Suzuki as described above teaches a disk drive device having a chassis that includes a plurality of hard disk units connected to each of a plurality of disk array control units.

Moriwaki teaches disk array controller racks each having a plurality of disk

units corresponding connected to the disk array control unit rack.

None of the above described references, namely Ohwaki, Suzuki and Moriwaki, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as clearly recited in the claims. Particularly, the above described references do not teach or suggest a casing having a first receiving portion for receiving a disk drive box in which a plurality of disk drives are received in a line and a second receiving portion for receiving a control portion box in which a plurality of control boards for executing a control relating to a data input and output process with respect to the disk drive are received in a line as recited in the claims.

Further, none of the above described references teach or suggest that the first receiving portion is approximately equal in height and width to the disk drive box and the second receiving portion is approximately equal in height and width to the first receiving portion as recited in the claims.

Therefore, based on the above, it is quite that the features of the present invention as recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by the above described references whether taken individually or in combination with each other.

Accordingly, the claims of the present application are patentable over the above described references and any of the other references of record.

6. Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(i))

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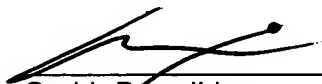
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